1 **CLAIMS** 2 1. A hemodialysis port comprising: 3 a housing defining a plurality of interconnected chambers, each said chamber having a 4 bottom portion and sidewall portions; 5 a septum attached to said side wall portions of each said chamber enclosing said 6 chamber; and 7 a spring mechanism disposed between said sidewalls and said septum and applying an 8 inward force on said septum. 9 10 11 12 13 14 2. A port as claimed in claim 1, wherein said septum comprises a material having a durometer between 30 and 55. 3. A port as claimed in claim 1, wherein said spring mechanism having sufficient force to close an opening in said septum caused by a needle or other medical instrument. 4. A port as claimed in claim 1, said bottom portion further comprising a titanium insert covering at least a portion of said bottom portion of said port. **1**5 5. A port as claimed in claim 1, wherein said housing comprising a flexible material having 16 a flexibility for a particular patient's anatomical structure. 17 6. A port as claimed in claim 1, wherein said septum comprising silicon rubber. 18 7. A port as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ports are connected together to a manifold to 19 provide a single inlet/outlet to and from said ports. 20 8. A method for performing hemodialysis, comprising the steps of: 21 inserting at least one multi-port device under the skin of a patient; 22 inserting a needle and sheath through said skin and into one of said ports of said multi-23 port device;

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1	removing said needle from within said sheath, leaving said sheath in said port; and
2	inserting a cannula and obturator into said sheath and drawing from said cannula blood
3	from within said port.
4	9 A method as claimed in claim 8 said method further comprising the step of removing

- 9. A method as claimed in claim 8, said method further comprising the step of removing said cannula and obturator and said sheath from said port and said skin.
- 6 10. A hemodialysis method comprising the steps of:
- 7 inserting a multi-port device under the skin of a patient;
  - inserting a hollow needle into one of the ports of said multi-port device through the skin of said patient;

inserting a guidewire through said needle and into said port; removing said needle from said port and said patient; and inserting an introducer over said guidewire and into said port.